

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hickory was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present:

Tony Wood	Hank Guess	David L. Williams
Charlotte C. Williams	Aldermen	David P. Zagaroli
Danny Seaver		Jill Patton

A quorum was present.

Also present were: City Manager Warren Wood, Deputy City Manager Rodney Miller, Assistant City Manager Rick Beasley, Deputy City Attorney Arnita Dula, City Attorney John W. Crone, III, Deputy City Clerk Crystal B. Mundy and City Clerk Debbie D. Miller

I. Mayor Guess called the meeting to order. All Council members were present.

II. Invocation by Reverend Christy Lohr-Sapp, St. Andrews Lutheran Church

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Special Presentations

V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard

Mayor Guess recognized Catawba County Manager Mick Berry and his wife who were in attendance.

VI. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of September 7, 2021.

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Zagaroli that the Minutes of September 7, 2021, be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Reaffirmation and Ratification of Second Readings. Votes recorded on first reading will be reaffirmed and ratified on second reading unless Council Members change their votes and so indicate on second reading.

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Williams that the following be reaffirmed and ratified on second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

A. Budget Revision Number 4. (First Reading Vote: Unanimous)

B. Consideration of Rezoning Petition No. 21-04 for Property Located at 2909 16th Street NE. (First Reading Vote: Ayes: Alderman Wood, Alderman Williams, Alderman Seaver, Alderman Zagaroli, Alderman Patton, and Mayor Guess. Nay: Alderman Williams)

VIII. Consent Agenda: All items below will be enacted by vote of City Council. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests. In which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered under Item IX.

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Seaver approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

A. Called for Public Hearing for Consideration of Proposed Amendments Related to the Hickory Trail System, Section 18-1, and the Addition of Section 18-59 to Chapter 18 Motor Vehicles and Traffic of the Hickory City Code of Ordinance. (Authorized the Public Hearing for October 5, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building.)

B. Approved Vacation Time for Prizes for the 2021 United Way Campaign.

The United Way Campaign Committee requests five days of vacation time to be used as prizes for participation in the City's annual United Way Campaign, which will be held in September 2021. The vacation day prize(s) will be drawn at the end of the campaign. Each year the City of Hickory conducts a United Way campaign, providing an opportunity for coworkers to support United Way and its member organizations. To encourage participation, the committee would like to offer participants a chance to win some vacation time. Based on the level of participation, coworkers would be eligible to enter a drawing to win one of three vacation time prizes of two (1) one-day and one (3) three-day prize. The City is a strong supporter of United Way since they play an important and critical role in the community. The Committee uses the campaign to educate the City's workforce about the various programs and services United Way provides and also to provide an easy way to donate. The opportunity to win some vacation time will provide an incentive for participation and contribute to the success of the City's campaign. Staff recommends Council's approval of five (5) days of vacation time to be used as prizes for the 2021 United Way Campaign.

- C. Approved a Resolution to Declare Surplus 6,082 Discarded Library Items to be Given to the Friends of the Library to be Sold at the Friends "Corner Book Store" at Patrick Beaver Memorial Library and/or Special Book Sales.

The Friends of the Library collect donated books and other materials on an ongoing basis to be sold at seasonal book sales and/or the Corner Book Store, the proceeds from which provide funds for library programming and other special activities. For many years, the library has given the Friends materials that have been removed from the collection because they are out of date, in poor condition, or no longer needed to meet the collection development goals of the library. The sale of donated and discarded books is the primary fundraising activity of the Friends of the Library, and discarded library materials comprise a significant portion of their inventory. The sale of these items ultimately benefits the library and is an appropriate means of disposing of unneeded materials. The library requests that discarded library materials be declared surplus and given to the Friends of the Library for their use at the "Corner Book Store" and/or seasonal book sales.

Notice was advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the Hickory area on September 9, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE HICKORY CITY COUNCIL
DECLARING SURPLUS LIBRARY MATERIALS AND
AUTHORIZING DONATION TO THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

WHEREAS, the Hickory Public Library declares a list of 6,082 discarded library materials which are out of date, in poor condition, or no longer needed to meet the collection development goals of the library; and

WHEREAS, the Library wishes to dispose of said property to The Friends of the Library. Books will be sold at the Friends "Corner Book Store" at Patrick Beaver Memorial Library and/or at special book sales.

WHEREAS, G.S. 160A-280 allows the city to donate to another governmental unit within the United States, or a nonprofit organization incorporated after advertising and Council approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Hickory, North Carolina:

SECTION 1. That authorization is given to the Hickory Public Library to dispose of the declared surplus in a manner serving the best interest of the City.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this the 21st day of September 2021.

- D. Approved on First Reading Consideration of a Speed Limit Reduction to 25 MPH along 3rd Avenue SE between NC Highway 127 and South Center Street along 2nd Street SE between 3rd Avenue SE and 2nd Avenue SE, and along 1st Street SE between 3rd Avenue SE and 2nd Avenue SE.

Staff requests approval to implement a speed limit reduction to 25mph along 3rd Avenue SE between NC Highway 127 and South Center Street along 2nd Street SE between 3rd Avenue SE and 2nd Avenue SE and along 1st Street SE between 3rd Avenue SE and 2nd Avenue SE. City Council implemented a Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program that enables citizens to request measures to improve traffic safety in the area where they own property. Citizens requesting traffic calming measures are required to complete and submit a petition with 75 percent of properties in favor of implementation for the request to move forward. The Traffic Division received the completed petition from property owners along 3rd Avenue SE between NC Highway 127 and South Center Street, along 2nd Street SE between 3rd Avenue SE and 2nd Avenue SE, and along 1st Street SE between 3rd Avenue SE and 2nd Avenue SE with regards to the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program and found the property owners to compliant with the guidelines. The petition qualifies for a speed limit reduction to 25mph. Twenty-Four properties were included in the petition and eighteen properties signed in favor of implementation. This represents at least 75 percent approval, which meets the requirement. The necessary sign modifications along the roadway can be performed as a normal part of the Traffic Division's signs/markings shop operations. Staff recommends Council's approval to implement a speed limit reduction to 25mph along 3rd Avenue SE between NC Highway 127 and South Center Street, along 2nd Street SE between 3rd Avenue SE and 2nd Avenue SE, and along 1st Street SE between 3rd Avenue SE and 2nd Avenue SE.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-30

AN ORDINANCE OF THE HICKORY CITY COUNCIL
AMENDING THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE AUTHORIZED IN THE
HICKORY CODE OF ORDINANCES – ARTICLE III, SECTION 18-81

WHEREAS, Article III of the City of Hickory Code of Ordinances be and is hereby amended through the modification of the official maps authorized therein as follows, to wit:

Amend the Traffic Ordinance by reducing the speed limit along 3rd Avenue SE from NC Highway 127 to South Center Street, 2nd Street SE from 3rd Avenue SE to 2nd Avenue SE, and 1st Street SE from 3rd Avenue SE to 2nd Avenue SE to 25 mph.

All ordinances or provisions of the Hickory City Code of Ordinances which are not in conformance with the provisions of the Amendment occurring herein are repealed as of the effective date of this Ordinance.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

- E. Approved a Right of Way Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation in the Amount of \$6,300.

Staff requests City Council's approval of a right way settlement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for property located at the intersection of Clement Boulevard and US 321 NW. As part of the US 321 widening project, the NCDOT is purchasing right of way and utility easements on several City properties. This agreement is the first property to get to the settlement stage. The property is located at the intersection of US 321 and Clement Boulevard just north of the Pizza Hut. The parcel is further identified as PIN 279312756227. A portion of the property will be taken for intersection improvements related to the US 321 widening project. Further agreements will come to City Council for approval when the appraisals are completed. The portion of the parcel being purchased was appraised for \$6,300. The parcel previously housed landscaping and a "Welcome to Hickory" sign that was removed several years ago. The property is currently unbuildable, and the remnant will remain unbuildable. The lot can continue to be used as a location for gateway landscaping. Staff recommends Council's approval of the right of way agreement with NCDOT in the amount of \$6,300.

- F. Approved a Community Development Block Grant Funding Agreement with Habitat for Humanity of the Catawba Valley Inc. in the Amount of \$45,000.

Staff requests Council approval of an agreement between the City of Hickory and Habitat for Humanity of the Catawba Valley, Inc. for FY 2021-2022 funding through the City's Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). In February 2021, the City of Hickory Office of Business Development received applications from local nonprofit organizations for funding under the CDBG Program. In the 2021 application, Habitat for Humanity requested funding to support the reconstruction of a home. On April 1st the Citizen's Advisory Committee reviewed and recommended funding for these applications as part of the City's Annual Action Plan. The Annual Action Plan was approved following a public hearing on May 4, 2021. The CDBG funding agreement describes the requirements for the City and Habitat for Humanity of the Catawba Valley to ensure that all applicable federal regulations are met. Funds will be used to support the reconstruction of one single-family owner-occupied home for households earning less than eighty percent of the area median income. The funding is part of the Housing Rehabilitation allocation of the City's CDBG Annual Action Plan. The approval of the agreement will allow them to continue to provide much needed housing services to benefit low-to-moderate income households during the 2020-2021 program year. Staff recommends approval of the CDBG funding agreement in the amount of \$45,000 between the City of Hickory and Habitat for Humanity of the Catawba Valley, Inc.

- G. Approved Change Order Number One with W.C. English Inc. for the Riverwalk North Carolina Department of Transportation EB-5939 Project in the Amount of \$58,750.

Staff requests Council's approval of change order number one with W.C. English, Inc. for the Riverwalk North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) EB-5939 Project in the amount of \$58,750. The Riverwalk NCDOT portion will contain an entrance from Old Lenoir Road, and parking and access to the trail system. Included in this project will be an elevated walkway over Lake Hickory that interacts with existing City of Hickory amenities. Lighting on the bridge, retaining walls, and all necessary drainage piping are also included in this project. WC English was awarded the bid in October 2020. Change order number one includes a supplemental agreement and constitutes full compensation to change the mast arms from weathered steel to carbon steel and to galvanize the carbon steel and apply a color coating over the galvanization that is meant to match the other weathered steel on the bridge. This change also incorporates necessary protection

to avoid a galvanic rust cell developing at the connection points between galvanized carbon steel and weathered steel. The reason for the change is the lack of availability of weathered steel in the shape of the mast arms. Weathered steel is not typically used in the shape of mast arms and not currently available for this project. Staff recommends Council's approval of change order number one with W.C. English, Inc. for the Riverwalk NCDOT EB-5939 Project in the amount of \$58,750.

H. Approved on First Reading Budget Revision Number 5.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-31
BUDGET REVISION NUMBER 5

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the City of Hickory that, pursuant to N.C. General Statutes 159.15 and 159.13.2, the following revision be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and for the duration of the Project Ordinances noted herein.

SECTION 1. To amend the General Fund within the FY 2021-22 Budget Ordinance, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
General Government	45,000	-
Other Financing Uses	750,000	-
Culture & Recreation	160	-
TOTAL	795,160	-

To provide funding for the above, the General Fund Revenues will be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Other Financing Sources	795,000	-
Miscellaneous Revenue	160	-
TOTAL	795,160	-

SECTION 2. To amend the Trivium Corporate Center Capital Project Ordinance (#B1B004), the expenditures shall be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
General Capital Projects	1,500,000	-
TOTAL	1,500,000	-

To provide funding for the above, the Project revenues will be changed as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Other Financing Sources	750,000	-
Restricted Intergovernmental Revenue	750,000	-
TOTAL	1,500,000	-

SECTION 3. Copies of the budget revision shall be furnished to the Clerk of the Governing Board, and to the City Manager (Budget Officer) and the Finance Officer for their direction.

IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None

X. Informational Item

XI. New Business:

A. Public Hearings

1. Approved on First Reading Consideration of Rezoning Petition 21-03 for Property Located Near Startown Road, Containing Approximately 108.25 Acres, Owned by Trivium Corporate Center, Inc. – Presentation by Planning Director Brian Frazier.

The subject properties were recently voluntarily annexed and currently retain Hickory's Planned Development (PD) designations. The requested action is to assign the properties a City zoning designation of Industrial – Conditional District (IND-CZ). Previously, Trivium Corporate Center, Inc. acquired a parcel on the east side of Startown Road across from the park's current entrance to be utilized for residential and/or commercial uses. Due to the rate of success for the park, Trivium Corporate Center has elected to expand the industrial opportunities onto this site. The requested action is to adjust the zoning designation to these properties. This action would consist of zoning these properties to an Industrial –

Conditional District (IND-CZ). The Hickory Regional Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on August 25, 2021, to consider the petition. During the public hearing, the property owner spoke in favor of the petition, while no citizens spoke in opposition. Upon closing the public hearing, the Hickory Regional Planning Commission voted unanimously (7-0) to affirm the petition's consistency with the Hickory by Choice 2030 Comprehensive Plan, and recommended City Council's approval of the petition. Staff concurs with the recommendation of the Hickory Regional Planning Commission.

This public hearing was advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the Hickory area on September 10th and 17th, 2021.

City Manager Warren Wood asked Planning Director Brian Frazier to the podium to present rezoning petition 21-03 for property located near Startown Road, containing approximately 108.25 acres, owned by Trivium Corporate Center, Inc.

Planning Director Brian Frazier presented a PowerPoint presentation. He discussed rezoning petition 21-03. The current zoning was planned development. The property size was just over 108 acres and was located across from the current Trivium Corporate Center. The property was recently voluntarily annexed by Council and was currently open land or vacant. The request was to rezone the property to the industrial conditional (IND-CZ) zone, which was the exact same zone as across the street in the current Trivium Corporate Center. He referred to the PowerPoint and displayed a map. He pointed out the property in question. He displayed the future land use map. It was currently looked at in terms of future land use in Hickory by Choice 2030 as high density residential. He pointed out Startown Road, and Settlemire Bridge Road. He displayed the current zoning map and noted the land was planned development. He pointed out Trivium Corporate Center across the street, the IND-CZ area. He advised this would be directly across the street and they were looking at the property in question as the industrial CZ across the street. Council had already rezoned the property for the single-family housing development by Piedmont. He displayed an aerial ortho and pointed out the area in question. He mentioned this was an older satellite picture from 2018 of Trivium Corporate Center. He pointed out the location of Fairgrove Business Park at the end of Fairgrove Church Road. He pointed out the subject property across from Startown. He displayed a map and advised this was rezoning petition 21-03 in terms of City jurisdiction. He pointed out the property in question, the area within the City limits, Hickory extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ), City of Conover ETJ, and Newton ETJ. The properties were currently zoned planned development and were currently vacant. The general area was classified as high density residential in the Hickory by Choice Plan. He summarized, the plan states that high density residential was intended to be placed near higher intensity areas. This would definitely be the case now with the success that they had at Trivium and other projects just to the north, including Preston Ridge and other residential, commercial, and mixed-use projects that were coming into the area and just the synergy that Trivium had created. It aimed to be near employment centers which they definitely had, and the plan looked at the high density as seeking to use the main thoroughfare as a focus for business and employment centers. Startown and its proposed improvements in widening in the near future definitely would qualify there.

Mr. Frazier discussed staff findings. The IND-CZ zoning district, even though it was not listed as the implementing zoning district for the high-density residential classification, the subject rezoning request before Council was to extend an existing industrial district across the street, Trivium Corporate Center further eastward, again across Startown to an existing zoning district, existing industrial district. Given the existing zoning of the subject property and the proximity to a major thoroughfare, Startown Road, which was slated for quite a few improvements in the next few years, it would appear more than reasonable to expand the existing IND district in the manner outlined. Given these factors, the rezoning of the property to the IND-CZ should be considered consistent with the findings and recommendations of Hickory by Choice 2030 Comprehensive Plan most recently readopted by Council a year ago.

Mr. Frazier discussed the recommendation of the Hickory Regional Planning Commission. They conducted the public hearing, on August 25, 2021, to consider the rezoning petition. During the public hearing the agent for the development group gave a really good overview of the project and upon closing the public hearing, the Planning Commission voted unanimously 7-0 to affirm that petitions consistency with Hickory by Choice and respectfully recommended City Council's approval of said petition. Planning staff concurred with the recommendation of the Hickory Regional Planning Commission. He asked Council for any questions that they might have.

Mayor Guess asked for any questions. He explained the rules for conducting the public hearing. He declared the public hearing open and asked if there was anyone present to speak in opposition to the proposal. No one appeared. Mayor Guess asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor of the proposal.

Mr. Mick Berry, 1231 Bugle Lane, thanked Council for the incredible partnership that the County has with the City of Hickory. Mayor Guess and Alderman Zagaroli were very involved in this particular project, serving as the City's elected representatives. City staff and County staff were heavily involved as well. Obviously, he was present in support of the rezoning. He commented this past week City and County staff had the opportunity to meet with staff from the Golden Leaf. The Golden Leaf Foundation had been an instrumental partner in developing the existing side of Trivium that had so much success. He thought he, City Manager Warren Wood, and Catawba County Economic Development Corporation President Scott Millar were surprised by how the Golden Leaf staff kept asking them all these questions about how they were able to do this with the City and County partnering together. They do not see this anywhere else in the State of North Carolina. They said they really wished they would, but they really do not. That was one of the reasons this great partnership had been so successful in getting funding from the Golden Leaf to grow the park and have the expectation that they would be able to do that on the east side, Trivium East, as this was rezoned, and they were able to develop that. He expressed appreciation for this tremendous partnership that they have. He thanked Council.

Mayor Guess asked if anyone else wished to speak in favor. No one else appeared. He closed the public hearing.

Aldерwoman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Seaver approval of rezoning petition 21-03.

Mayor Guess commented on behalf of City Council and staff, to talk about what Mr. Berry was just talking about, the City's relationship and partnership with the County, he was exactly right. He hears from folks all the time as well in different municipalities and entities that talk about the relationships and partnerships and how that was the key to the City's success, and they wish that they had some of that in their community. He thanked Mr. Berry as well and his Commissioners and staff for all the effort and the partnership that they put into this as well.

The vote was taken on the pending motion and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-32

AN ORDINANCE OF THE HICKORY CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE OFFICIAL HICKORY ZONING ATLAS TO REZONE +/- 108.25 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED BETWEEN THE TERMINUS OF STARTOWN ROAD AND THE TERMINUS OF ROBINWOOD ROAD, FROM PD (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT) TO IND-CZ.

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 2.2 of the Hickory Land Development Code provides for amendments to the Official Zoning Atlas; and

WHEREAS, the City has been petitioned to rezone +/- 108.25 acres of property between the terminus of Startown Road and the terminus of Robinwood Road, more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto, to allow an IND-CZ district; and

WHEREAS, the Hickory Regional Planning Commission considered the proposed rezoning during a public hearing on August 25, 2021, and forwarded a recommendation of approval to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Article 2 of the Hickory Land Development Code requires findings the proposed rezoning is in response to changing conditions and is reasonably necessary to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has found Petition 21-03 to be in conformance with the Hickory by Choice 2030 Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA, THAT THE REZONING OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED BETWEEN THE TERMINUS OF STARTOWN ROAD AND THE TERMINUS OF ROBINWOOD ROAD DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A IS APPROVED.

SECTION 1. Findings of fact.

1. The subject property is located Between the terminus of Startown Road and the terminus of Robinwood Road. Identified as PINs 3721-19-61-2638, and a portion of 3721-19-51-1871
2. The rezoning request is intended to further implement the findings and recommendations of the Hickory by Choice 2030 Comprehensive Plan.
3. The rezoning of the property is consistent with the Hickory by Choice 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or provisions of the Hickory City Code which are not in conformance with the provisions of the Amendment occurring herein are repealed as of the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. Statement of Consistency and Reasonableness

Upon considering the matter, the Hickory City Council found:

1. Comprehensive Plan. (Note: The Hickory by Choice 2030 Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use map does not contain parcel line data, as the general boundaries of the land use categories are not concrete.)

The Hickory by Choice 2030 Comprehensive Plan states the following about High Density Residential areas: "High density residential development in Hickory is located in or near mixed-use areas or higher-intensity commercial districts. The area covered by this land use extends approximately one-half mile from the central point of each mixed-use center, allowing for convenient walking or bicycling from home to shop. This will create higher density living in close proximity to neighborhood-scale shopping and office employment centers. The combination of smaller single-family lots, shorter building setbacks, shorter blocks, and multi-family development would create a gross average density for housing at approximately 12 to 20 units per acre. These areas may also contain office uses along thoroughfares and adjacent to commercial areas to act as a transition between commercial and residential land uses. Provided, such office uses, and their corresponding zoning districts, are located immediately adjacent to existing office uses and office zoning districts. This should be done to avoid saw tooth land use patterns along thoroughfares." (HBC 2030, Pg. 3.8)

The IND-CZ zoning district is not listed as the implementing zoning district for the High-Density Residential classification; however, the subject rezoning request is to extend an existing industrial district, further eastward toward an existing industrial district. Given the existing zoning of the subject property and its proximity to a major thoroughfare (Startown Rd.), it would appear reasonable to expand the existing IND district, in the manner requested.

Given these factors, the rezoning of the properties to IND-CZ should be considered to be consistent with the findings and recommendations of the Hickory by Choice (2030) comprehensive Plan.

2. The IND-CZ classification is intended to provide locations for industrial development.
3. The IND-CZ's zoning district's permissible development adheres to the recommendations for areas surrounding High-Density Residential by the Hickory by Choice 2030 Comprehensive Plan.
4. Any and all improvements that are to take place on the property will be required to follow all applicable development regulations.
5. Sufficient public infrastructure is currently in place to handle the type of development possible on the subject property.
6. Any future development that takes place on the subject property will be regulated by current and future development standards duly adopted by the City of Hickory and the State of North Carolina; and
7. Any future development occurring on the subject property will be required to adhere to all state and local building, fire, and flood zone related development regulations. Such regulations will ensure proper

protections are provided to ensure surrounding residents, and property owners are properly protect as prescribed by law.

Based upon these findings, the Hickory City Council has found Rezoning Petition 21-03 to be reasonable and consistent with the findings and recommendations of the Hickory by Choice 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

2. Approved the FY2020-2021 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report – Presentation by Community Development Manager Karen Dickerson.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires the City of Hickory, as a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement funding recipient, to report on CDBG monies spent within the previous fiscal year. The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report evaluates the effectiveness of the use of resources in addressing identified goals and objectives cited in the Annual Action Plan which is prepared before the fiscal year begins. The City of Hickory, in complying with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's requirements, has prepared the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report for submission to HUD. The report outlines the City's CDBG expenditures from July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021. Staff recommends that City Council approve the FY 2020-2021 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report.

Notice of the availability of this document for public review was published in the Hickory Daily Record on September 6, 2021, September 13, 2021, and September 20, 2021

City Manager Warren Wood asked Community Development Manager Karen Dickerson to the podium to present the FY 2020-2021 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

Community Development Manager Karen Dickerson presented a PowerPoint presentation. She discussed the FY 2020-2021 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). This was required by HUD (Housing and Urban Development) to close out each fiscal year. They City was an entitlement recipient of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and as such, were required to submit a performance review to show how the City spent their funds and what they were doing in the municipality. This CAPER currently under consideration covered July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021. She gave some highlights for public infrastructure improvement. They usually do street resurfacings in low-moderate-income areas. These funds were specifically designated for low-moderate-income individuals or areas. They spent just over \$55,000 on resurfacings. Park improvements, as of June 30th, when this year closed out, they had already spent \$99,000 for a project at Taft Broome Park which they finished out in this current fiscal year. To increase entrepreneurship opportunities, they had \$4,000 in grants to assist a small business owned by a low-moderate-income individual. In addition to that, another \$2,000 would be paid out this month for another small business owner, that crossed two fiscal years. The street resurfacing project was 17th Avenue NE from 2nd Street Place NE, down to right about 4th. It hit a floodplain and they do not touch the floodplains with the Federal money. She referred to the PowerPoint and showed photos before and after of what it looked like. She noted the lighting did not really show how good the paving looked. They worked in Taft Broome/Ridgeview Library parking lot with the library expansion. She discussed some of the improvements that had been done at Taft Broome Park. They wanted to try to expand parking as well as with the understanding that the Historic Ridgeview Walk was coming down 1st Street as well. They partnered with Mount Pisgah AME Church and did a mutual use agreement and resurfaced this parking. She displayed before and after pictures of the parking lot area. This was three lots that were City-owned property. The other things they do was housing administration. They spent just over \$100,000 to provide five low-moderate-income homeowners assistance with repairs to their homes. Another \$21,000 was spent to assist Habitat with their repairs program. She advised they should keep in mind this was just the City's CDBG, the City also does the Urgent Repair Program where they had about eight other individuals that they helped which was outside of this HUD funding. They spent just over \$16,000 to implement that program and to administer that program for staff. They spent just over \$1,700 to promote fair housing. The program administration total for the non-housing portion, non-rehab portion, was just over \$60,000. They spent \$6,200 for administration to administer CDBG CV which were the Covid funds that they received. She referred to the PowerPoint and displayed a photo of a home that they redid a roof and windows on, in addition to doing lead paint

abatement. That house was pre-1978 so it had some lead paint that they had to abate. The photos were before and after. They also assisted public services in the area. They gave \$10,000 to ALFA and assisted 85 individuals; \$7,000 and helped 57 people at Exodus; \$7,000 to Family Care Center and assisted 127 individuals; Family Guidance, \$10,000 and assisted 46 potential homeowners with their home ownership classes; Hickory Soup Kitchen, just over \$10,000 for 350 meals per day to 235 residents; and then that emergency Covid funding, \$224,651 as of the end of June had been spent through Cooperative Christian Ministry. She updated that and advised it was over \$400,000 that had been spent, because they had \$468,000 total. They were really helping a lot of people who need help in the area. This was not CDBG, but she threw it in because their department was so proud of this. They constructed two affordable houses in the Ridgeview Community. They both had been sold and they looked wonderful. She showed photos of the houses.

Ms. Dickerson discussed upcoming projects. They completed the parking lot in early August. They were doing improvements at Hickory Optimist Park, including new play equipment, and resurfacing of the pickle ball courts. They want to continue resurfacing in low-moderate-income areas, resurfacing those streets. They would continue to promote small business with the micro enterprise and small business loans. Continue their housing rehabilitation that was always in need. Continue to support the local nonprofits. They want to look at potential future partnerships with the developers to create more affordable housing in the area on City owned properties, specifically in Ridgeview. Continued support for that emergency rental and utility assistance until they spend all of the funding. She asked Council for any questions.

Mayor Guess advised the same rules applied for the public hearing. He declared the public hearing open and asked if there was anyone present to speak in opposition to the proposal. No one appeared. He asked if anyone wished to speak in favor. No one appeared. Mayor Guess closed the public hearing.

Mayor Guess moved, seconded by Alderman Zagaroli approval of the FY2020-2021 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The motion carried unanimously.

B. Departmental Reports:

1. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Small Cities Project Area Grace McLaurin Resigned 7-12-2021 VACANT

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 4 (Alderman William Appoints) (Charlette Gore Resigned 8-23-21)VACANT
At-Large (Outside City but within HRP) (Council Appoints) VACANT

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT
Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT
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Differently Abled and is African American or Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT
Differently Abled (Council Appoints) Beth Whicker
(Not Eligible for Reappointment)

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Licensed Architect (Council Appoints) Ernie Sills
(Not Eligible for Reappointment)
At-Large (2)(Council Appoints) Mary Moorer
(Eligible for Reappointment/Does Not Wish to Serve Again)

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 4 (D. Williams Appoints) VACANT
Ward 6 (Patton Appoints) Gail Miller
(Eligible for Reappointment/Does Not Wish to Serve Again)

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Ward 4 (D. Williams Appoints)
At-Large (Mayor Appoints)

VACANT
Beth Bowman
(Not Eligible for Reappointment)

PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY
(Terms Expiring 6-30; 5-Year Terms) (Appointed by the Mayor)
Position 3 (Mayor Appoints)
Position 9 (Mayor Appoints) (Unexpired Term of Rebecca Clements)

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YOUTH COUNCIL
(Terms Expiring 6-30; 1-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Youth Council Applicant Review Committee Recommends the Following Appointments:

Fred T. Foard
Homeschool

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Mayor Guess noted there were some vacancies on the Boards and Commissions. If anyone was interested in any of those, they could see their ward representative, or any Council member and they would be glad to answer any questions or concerns that they may have concerning the City’s Boards and Commissions.

- C. Presentation of Petitions and Requests
- XII. Matters Not on Agenda (requires majority vote of Council to consider)
- XIII. General Comments by Members of Council, City Manager or City Attorney of a Non-Business Nature
- XIV. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk